

Reference No. 6.12

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS : AUSTRALIA
FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1976**

PRELIMINARY

MAIN FEATURES

The following figures refer only to civilian wage and salary earners excluding those in agriculture and private domestic service.

- In the two months to March 1976 employment increased by 42,200 persons (10,400 males and 31,900 females) but in seasonally adjusted terms there was little change.
- Private employment increased by 29,700 persons and government employment by 12,500 persons. However, in seasonally adjusted terms private employment increased by only 2,100 persons, while government employment decreased by 5,000 persons.
- Industries showing significant increases between January and March were: education (17,200), manufacturing (14,000), health (7,800) and finance, insurance, real estate and business services (3,700).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners*, not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons, unpaid helpers and the unemployed. Also excluded because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private households employing staff, and some part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources, such as special returns from government bodies and the Bureau's economic censuses and surveys. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types :

- . payroll tax returns
- . returns from government bodies
- . other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for nearly 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, postal and telecommunications, air transport, education (including universities), radio, television, police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made by telephoning Mr Joe Christensen on 52 6655 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

TABLE 1. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

| | | | | | | | | | Australia | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Month | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. (a) | Original | Seasonally adjusted (b) |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 — February | 1,100.8 | 834.4 | 405.3 | 276.0 | 246.8 | 90.6 | 23.6 | 51.0 | 3,028.6 | 3,017.7 |
| March | 1,101.4 | 834.5 | 405.5 | 277.6 | 247.5 | 90.4 | 23.5 | 51.4 | 3,031.8 | 3,019.8 |
| 1976 — February | 1,075.8 | 824.3 | 404.4 | 276.8 | 248.0 | 88.9 | 24.7 | 52.1 | 2,994.9 | 2,984.2 |
| March | 1,075.6 | 824.8 | 406.6 | 277.4 | 248.4 | 89.1 | 24.6 | 52.3 | 2,998.6 | 2,986.7 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 — February | 621.2 | 485.3 | 205.7 | 155.1 | 131.4 | 44.4 | 10.7 | 32.8 | 1,686.6 | 1,688.1 |
| March | 621.8 | 487.5 | 205.4 | 156.4 | 132.6 | 44.8 | 10.9 | 33.5 | 1,693.0 | 1,682.9 |
| 1976 — February | 622.9 | 496.1 | 213.6 | 163.9 | 134.9 | 46.2 | 12.2 | 35.5 | 1,725.3 | 1,727.0 |
| March | 625.4 | 499.2 | 214.4 | 165.7 | 136.3 | 47.2 | 12.0 | 35.5 | 1,735.7 | 1,725.3 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 — February | 1,722.0 | 1,319.8 | 611.0 | 431.1 | 378.2 | 135.0 | 34.3 | 83.8 | 4,715.2 | 4,705.3 |
| March | 1,723.2 | 1,322.0 | 610.9 | 433.9 | 380.1 | 135.3 | 34.5 | 84.9 | 4,724.8 | 4,706.4 |
| 1976 — February | 1,698.7 | 1,320.4 | 618.0 | 440.7 | 382.9 | 135.1 | 36.9 | 87.6 | 4,720.2 | 4,710.6 |
| March | 1,701.0 | 1,324.0 | 621.0 | 443.1 | 384.7 | 136.3 | 36.6 | 87.8 | 4,734.2 | 4,715.8 |

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1976* (Reference No. 1.10) to be issued shortly.

TABLE 2. — TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

| Month | Private | Government (a) | | | | Civilian employees | Defence forces (c) | Total civilian employees and defence forces |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| | | Australian | State (b) | Local (b) | Total (b) | | | |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 – February | 2,130.8 | 275.9 | 515.2 | 106.7 | 897.7 | 3,028.6 | 65.5 | 3,094.1 |
| March | 2,126.0 | 276.8 | 518.0 | 111.0 | 905.8 | 3,031.8 | 65.5 | 3,097.3 |
| 1976 – February | 2,093.3 | 277.1 | 522.2 | 102.3 | 901.6 | 2,994.9 | 65.7 | 3,060.6 |
| March | 2,097.7 | 276.0 | 523.0 | 101.9 | 900.9 | 2,998.6 | 65.4 | 3,064.0 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 – February | 1,331.9 | 112.1 | 223.7 | 18.7 | 354.6 | 1,686.6 | 3.2 | 1,689.8 |
| March | 1,333.4 | 113.5 | 227.1 | 19.0 | 359.6 | 1,693.0 | 3.2 | 1,696.2 |
| 1976 – February | 1,349.2 | 116.9 | 239.4 | 19.8 | 376.1 | 1,725.3 | 3.5 | 1,728.8 |
| March | 1,356.8 | 115.4 | 243.7 | 19.8 | 378.9 | 1,735.7 | 3.5 | 1,739.2 |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | |
| 1975 – February | 3,462.8 | 388.1 | 738.9 | 125.5 | 1,252.4 | 4,715.2 | 68.7 | 4,783.9 |
| March | 3,459.4 | 390.2 | 745.1 | 130.0 | 1,265.4 | 4,724.8 | 68.8 | 4,793.6 |
| 1976 – February | 3,442.5 | 394.0 | 761.6 | 122.1 | 1,277.7 | 4,720.2 | 69.2 | 4,789.4 |
| March | 3,454.4 | 391.4 | 766.7 | 121.7 | 1,279.8 | 4,734.2 | 68.9 | 4,803.1 |

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Excludes State and local government employees (5.6 thousand persons in June 1975) engaged in agriculture or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

TABLE 3. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

| ASIC Division(a) | ASIC Industry (a) | MALES | | | | FEMALES | | | | PERSONS | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | 1975 | | 1976 | | 1975 | | 1976 | | 1975 | | 1976 | |
| | | Feb. | Mar. | Feb. | Mar. | Feb. | Mar. | Feb. | Mar. | Feb. | Mar. | Feb. | Mar. |
| A (part) | (b) Forestry, fishing and hunting | 14.1 | 14.3 | 13.9 | 13.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 14.8 | 14.6 |
| B | Mining | 75.1 | 74.7 | 72.9 | 72.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 80.9 | 80.5 | 78.7 | 78.3 |
| C | Manufacturing | 907.8 | 903.8 | 891.3 | 893.8 | 315.6 | 312.9 | 315.8 | 317.2 | 1,223.4 | 1,216.7 | 1,207.1 | 1,211.0 |
| | Food, beverages and tobacco | 143.6 | 142.6 | 143.4 | 144.0 | 55.1 | 54.6 | 52.4 | 52.4 | 198.7 | 197.3 | 195.8 | 196.4 |
| | Textiles | 23.5 | 23.6 | 25.6 | 25.1 | 16.6 | 16.7 | 19.5 | 19.4 | 40.1 | 40.3 | 45.0 | 44.5 |
| | Clothing and footwear | 20.0 | 19.9 | 20.4 | 20.5 | 67.5 | 66.5 | 71.2 | 71.7 | 87.5 | 86.5 | 91.6 | 92.3 |
| | Paper and paper products, printing | 75.0 | 74.2 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 26.9 | 26.5 | 25.6 | 25.7 | 101.9 | 100.7 | 97.8 | 98.0 |
| | Metal products, machinery and equipment | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Basic metal products | 87.4 | 86.6 | 82.6 | 83.0 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 95.2 | 94.2 | 89.6 | 89.9 |
| | Fabricated metal products | 89.5 | 89.2 | 86.1 | 86.6 | 21.9 | 21.6 | 21.8 | 22.0 | 111.4 | 110.8 | 107.9 | 108.6 |
| | Transport equipment | 133.5 | 133.6 | 133.2 | 133.8 | 16.2 | 16.0 | 16.5 | 17.0 | 149.7 | 149.6 | 149.8 | 150.7 |
| | Other machinery and equipment | 134.9 | 134.3 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 47.1 | 46.9 | 45.3 | 45.2 | 182.0 | 181.1 | 173.2 | 173.0 |
| D | Electricity, gas and water | 91.0 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.2 |
| E | Construction | 382.5 | 385.6 | 354.1 | 353.8 | 18.1 | 18.0 | 18.2 | 18.2 | 400.5 | 403.6 | 372.3 | 372.0 |
| F | Wholesale and retail trade | 545.0 | 546.2 | 551.0 | 552.3 | 402.5 | 403.4 | 406.4 | 408.9 | 947.5 | 949.6 | 957.4 | 961.3 |
| | Wholesale trade | 242.8 | 242.1 | 242.2 | 242.7 | 95.5 | 95.6 | 93.7 | 94.4 | 338.4 | 337.7 | 335.8 | 337.1 |
| | Retail trade | 302.2 | 304.1 | 308.8 | 309.6 | 307.0 | 307.8 | 312.8 | 314.5 | 609.2 | 611.9 | 621.6 | 624.1 |
| | Motor vehicle dealers, petrol and tyre retailers | 137.5 | 139.1 | 141.3 | 141.2 | 28.7 | 29.3 | 29.9 | 30.0 | 166.2 | 168.4 | 171.2 | 171.2 |
| | Other retail trade | 164.8 | 165.0 | 167.5 | 168.4 | 278.2 | 278.6 | 282.9 | 284.5 | 443.0 | 443.5 | 450.4 | 453.0 |
| G | Transport and storage | 220.8 | 219.7 | 215.5 | 214.7 | 36.7 | 36.7 | 36.2 | 36.3 | 257.5 | 256.3 | 251.7 | 251.0 |
| | Road transport | 84.5 | 84.5 | 82.0 | 81.9 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 98.6 | 98.4 | 95.5 | 95.5 |
| H | Communication | 73.2 | 73.0 | 71.9 | 71.6 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 29.8 | 29.1 | 103.1 | 102.8 | 101.7 | 100.7 |
| I | Finance, insurance, real estate and business services | 199.3 | 199.1 | 195.8 | 196.6 | 180.9 | 180.9 | 181.8 | 182.9 | 380.2 | 380.1 | 377.6 | 379.5 |
| J | Public administration and defence (c) | 148.3 | 149.9 | 153.4 | 152.9 | 80.8 | 82.4 | 90.4 | 90.6 | 229.1 | 232.3 | 243.8 | 243.5 |
| K | Community services | 263.6 | 265.8 | 275.2 | 276.9 | 445.9 | 451.0 | 468.6 | 474.3 | 709.5 | 716.8 | 743.8 | 751.3 |
| | Health | 59.7 | 60.4 | 63.0 | 64.3 | 235.5 | 237.6 | 246.8 | 249.3 | 295.2 | 298.0 | 309.7 | 313.7 |
| | Education, libraries, museums and art galleries | 112.4 | 113.3 | 119.1 | 119.7 | 171.2 | 174.0 | 182.1 | 185.0 | 283.7 | 287.3 | 301.3 | 304.7 |
| L | Entertainment, recreation, restaurants hotels and personal services (d) | 107.8 | 108.5 | 108.7 | 108.5 | 160.4 | 162.0 | 162.1 | 162.4 | 268.2 | 270.5 | 270.9 | 270.8 |
| | TOTAL | 3,028.6 | 3,031.8 | 2,994.9 | 2,998.6 | 1,686.6 | 1,693.0 | 1,725.3 | 1,735.7 | 4,715.2 | 4,724.8 | 4,720.2 | 4,734.2 |

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification. Some Division totals include industries not specified separately. (b) Excludes ASIC Sub-divisions 01 (Agriculture) and 02 (Services to agriculture). (c) Excludes members of the permanent defence forces. (d) Excludes ASIC Sub-division 94 Private households employing staff.

TABLE 4. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(’000)

| Month | Total civilian employees | | | Private/Government (persons) | | Principal industries (persons) | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Private | Government (a) | Manufacturing | Wholesale and retail trade |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | |
| 1975 — January | 3,015.9 | 1,662.8 | 4,678.7 | 3,455.3 | 1,223.4 | 1,225.6 | 946.0 |
| February | 3,028.6 | 1,686.6 | 4,715.2 | 3,462.8 | 1,252.4 | 1,223.4 | 947.5 |
| March | 3,031.8 | 1,693.0 | 4,724.8 | 3,459.4 | 1,265.4 | 1,216.7 | 949.6 |
| April | †3,032.9 | 1,702.0 | †4,734.9 | 3,465.3 | †1,269.6 | 1,213.4 | 955.1 |
| May | 3,047.3 | 1,704.8 | 4,752.0 | 3,462.6 | 1,289.4 | 1,208.4 | 955.9 |
| June | †3,043.5 | 1,709.2 | †4,752.7 | †3,457.1 | 1,295.5 | 1,204.8 | 955.7 |
| July r | †3,028.5 | 1,712.4 | †4,740.9 | †3,445.1 | 1,295.8 | 1,202.7 | 955.3 |
| August r | 3,014.7 | 1,712.9 | 4,727.5 | 3,435.7 | 1,291.8 | 1,199.7 | 951.5 |
| September r | 3,007.6 | 1,717.8 | 4,725.4 | 3,439.7 | 1,285.6 | 1,200.3 | 954.8 |
| October r | 3,004.1 | 1,725.1 | 4,729.3 | 3,447.8 | 1,281.4 | 1,204.7 | 960.0 |
| November r | 3,000.3 | 1,732.7 | 4,732.9 | 3,454.9 | 1,278.0 | 1,207.3 | 965.6 |
| December r | 2,996.8 | 1,719.9 | 4,716.7 | 3,448.3 | 1,268.3 | 1,200.6 | 968.9 |
| 1976 — January r | 2,988.2 | 1,703.8 | 4,692.0 | 3,424.7 | 1,267.3 | 1,197.0 | 955.1 |
| February | 2,994.9 | 1,725.3 | 4,720.2 | 3,442.5 | 1,277.7 | 1,207.1 | 957.4 |
| March | 2,998.6 | 1,735.7 | 4,734.2 | 3,454.4 | 1,279.8 | 1,211.0 | 961.3 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b) | | | | | | | |
| 1975 — January | 3,018.5 | 1,685.6 | 4,705.0 | 3,467.7 | 1,234.5 | 1,230.7 | 950.8 |
| February | 3,017.7 | 1,688.1 | 4,705.3 | 3,455.8 | 1,248.1 | 1,219.3 | 951.8 |
| March | 3,019.8 | 1,682.9 | 4,706.4 | 3,444.6 | 1,256.4 | 1,210.5 | 950.4 |
| April | †3,030.3 | 1,695.4 | †4,727.7 | 3,460.6 | †1,263.7 | 1,212.7 | 956.4 |
| May | 3,038.3 | 1,698.4 | 4,736.2 | 3,458.6 | 1,282.4 | 1,207.1 | 953.5 |
| June | †3,043.0 | 1,704.8 | †4,748.0 | †3,460.2 | 1,290.0 | 1,203.6 | 954.9 |
| July r | †3,036.7 | 1,715.8 | †4,752.0 | †3,464.3 | 1,293.9 | 1,206.6 | 962.5 |
| August r | 3,024.6 | 1,718.7 | 4,742.0 | 3,453.6 | 1,292.6 | 1,203.3 | 959.7 |
| September r | 3,019.7 | 1,721.3 | 4,741.3 | 3,448.3 | 1,289.7 | 1,203.7 | 960.8 |
| October r | 3,018.3 | 1,725.5 | 4,744.1 | 3,453.7 | 1,289.1 | 1,205.7 | 962.1 |
| November r | 2,995.7 | 1,723.8 | 4,715.4 | 3,430.4 | 1,284.3 | 1,200.5 | 952.8 |
| December r | 2,989.4 | 1,718.3 | 4,707.1 | 3,436.4 | 1,271.7 | 1,203.6 | 950.3 |
| 1976 — January r | 2,990.0 | 1,725.3 | 4,715.9 | 3,437.3 | 1,275.8 | 1,202.2 | 960.1 |
| February | 2,984.2 | 1,727.0 | 4,710.6 | 3,435.7 | 1,273.3 | 1,203.1 | 961.8 |
| March | 2,986.7 | 1,725.3 | 4,715.8 | 3,439.4 | 1,270.8 | 1,204.9 | 962.0 |

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1976 (Reference No. 1.10) to be issued shortly. r — revised. † Affected by industrial disputes.

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